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- The automobile factory at Zerah, near Warsaw, occupies an area of about 10 sq. km. and is still being enlarged. There are about 6,200 employees, and work is organized in three shifts.
- Production is fully mechanized and by next year cars will be turned out on the continuous belt system at the rate of one every five minutes.
- 3. Officially, the factory builds passenger vehicles called Warszawa 20 which are the licensed Soviet cars Pobleda. The new Syrena, a Polish Volkswagen, was already under production by the end of May 1954, but production figures are not known.
- 4. In addition, the factory makes the following for purely military use:
 - a. Chassis for passenger vehicles.
 - b. Some body parts for passenger vehicles.
 - c. Motors for the use of military camps (sic).
 - d. Roller and winch engines.

Since February or March a number of new Soviet advisers have arrived, who also take part in the technical control of the factory.

- 5. In Warsaw there is a factory which produces SHL motorcycles some of which are for civilian use but the majority for the army. There is a subsidiary factory in Kielce, and at these two places production has begun of the following:
 - a. Light armor plating for the motorcycle engines.
 - b. Special side-cars intended to carry heavy machine guns of a new Or improved type. Tests with this gun were carried out last autumn and production was planned accordingly.

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